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Re: Officer Involved Shooting Of Abran Gutierrez On November 15, 2022

The District Attorney's Office has completed its investigation into the fatal shooting of Abran Gutierrez on November 15, 2022 by Redwood City Police Officers Luke Shoats, William Wolfe, Nicholas Muniz, Victor Figueroa, and Jose Montoya during a confrontation near the intersection of El Camino Real and Maple Street in Redwood City. After a thorough investigation by Inspector Jordan Boyd and other inspectors with the San Mateo County District Attorney's Office, District Attorney Stephen M. Wagstaffe has concluded that there is no legal basis for filing criminal charges against any of the five Redwood City Police Officers involved in the death of Mr. Gutierrez. District Attorney Wagstaffe has concluded that the use of lethal force by Officers Shoats, Wolfe, Muniz, Figueroa, and Montoya was legally justifiable self-defense and defense of others pursuant to California Penal Code section 835a and section 196. Therefore, this case is now deemed closed by this office.

The letter written by District Attorney Wagstaffe to Redwood City Police Chief Dan Mulholland setting forth the basis for the decision declining to file criminal charges in this case is attached to this e-mail press release.

In accord with the standard practice of the District Attorney's Office, our complete investigative report, other than materials which are legally protected and not subject to disclosure, will be made available for public inspection. Anyone seeking to read all or part of the reports should contact Chief Inspector William Massey of the District Attorney's Office Bureau of Investigations at Bmassey@smcgov.org.